Samples of granulated SSP drawn from factories and dealers premises

2672. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Samples of granula ted SSP drawn during the current financial year from factories and dealers premises;

(b) the number of cases of sub-tandard production; and

(c) what action has been taken against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV); (a) to (c) No information is available regarding number of samples of granulated SSP drawn and found sub-standard. However, as per periodicals reports received about 32648 samples of different fertilisers were drawn during the current financial year (1988-89) (upto December, 1988). Of these, about 2864 samples were found to be substandard. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, who have been dslegated powers to enforce the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985 in the StatesjU.Ts. have been taken suitable action in respect of sub-standard samples. It has been reported that during the period from April to December^ 1988, prosecution were launched in about 60 cases where the samples were found to be sub-standard.

Supply of rice to Orissa

2673. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LEN KA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CTVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present allotment quota. of rice for the Government of Orissa;

(b) whether the Government of Orissa has asked for increase in the quota of rice and if so, the quantity asked for;

(c) how much quantity of rice is being supplied by the Government of Orissa for families through the Fair Price Shops; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to solve the problem?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER TN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) 24,000 tonnes (for March, 1989).

(b) No. Sir.

(c) The scale and coverage for distribution under the Public Distribution System within the State is decided by the State Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Entry of multinational in food processing business

2674. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA; Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESS ING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several multinationals in the food business are planning to enter India once the Punjab Agro-Pepsi proposal is suitably decided;

(b) what are the , other applications that have been made in the area of food processing where multinational companies are involved; and

(c) whether Government is aware that multinational companies are showing interest in India following the Pepsi proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE (MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Foreign companies have evinced interest in setting up food processing units in india. A list of applications received in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries involving foreign companies i_s being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Memorandum from the All lndia Small , and Medium Newspapers Federation

2675. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MA LAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFOR MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether in a memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister recently, the